

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Notice of Allowance and fees due mailed on November 24, 2006, included an Examiner's Amendment. The Amendments to the claims set forth in the Examiner's Amendment were discussed with the Examiner in a telephone interview on November 20, 2006 and November 21, 2006. During the telephone interview, the undersigned authorized the Examiner to replace the word "organism" with the phrase "microorganism or a plant" beginning at Claim 141 to Claim 151. The undersigned notes that one instance of the word "organism" in Claim 142 was not replaced with the phrase "microorganism or a plant", and two instances of the word "organism" in Claim 143 were not replaced with the phrase "microorganism or a plant." The amended claims reflect this correction.

Accordingly, the Amendment set forth herein is needed in order to clarify the claims. The amended claims have already been discussed with the Examiner, and therefore no additional search or examination should be required.

Applicants respectfully request that the amendments set forth herein be entered. The Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned by telephone if the Examiner has questions or if doing so would expedite the resolution of this case.

Respectfully submitted,

SHERIDAN ROSS P.C.

By: /Angela Dallas Sebor/
Angela Dallas Sebor
Registration No. 42,460
1560 Broadway, Suite 1200
Denver, Colorado 80202-5141
(303) 863-9700

Date: December 7, 2006